

## ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE

## FIRST SESSION

## LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 10

Introduced by Johnson, 37; Gay, 14; Hansen, 42; Howard, 9;  
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WHEREAS, the Legislature regards the health of our children to be of paramount importance to families in our state; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature regards poor child health as a threat to the educational achievement and social and psychological well-being of the children of our state; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature considers protecting the health of our children to be essential to their well-being and the quality of life in our state; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature considers "Kids Connection", the children's health insurance program of this state which has enrolled 111,919 uninsured children since its inception in 1998, to be an integral part of the arrangements for health benefits for the children of the State of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the value of "Kids Connection" in preserving child wellness, preventing and treating childhood disease, improving health outcomes, and reducing overall health costs; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature considers the federal funding available for "Kids Connection" to be indispensable to providing

health benefits for children of modest means.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. The Legislature urges the members of Nebraska's congressional delegation to ensure that Congress timely reauthorizes the State Children Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) to assure federal funding for "Kids Connection".

2. The Legislature urges the Governor to use his best efforts to work with the Nebraska congressional delegation to ensure that SCHIP is reauthorized in a timely manner.

3. The Legislature proclaims that all components of state government should work together with educators, health care providers, social workers, and parents to ensure that all available public and private assistance for providing health benefits to uninsured children in this state be used to the maximum extent possible.

4. The Legislature urges the Governor to use his best efforts to provide meaningful assistance to help identify and enroll children who qualify for medicaid or the "Kids Connection".